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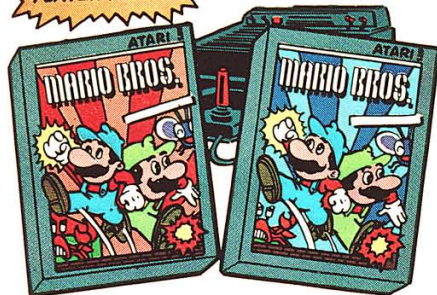
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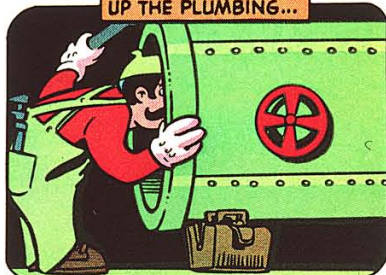
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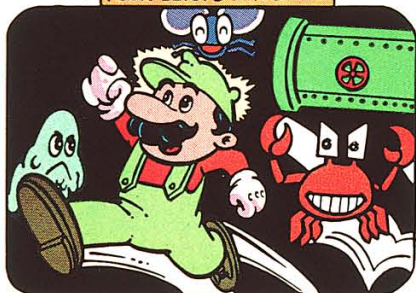
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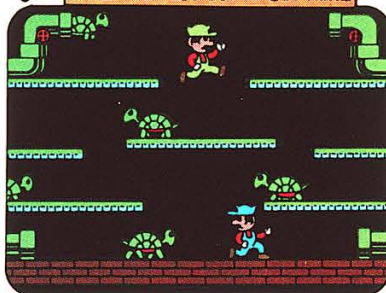
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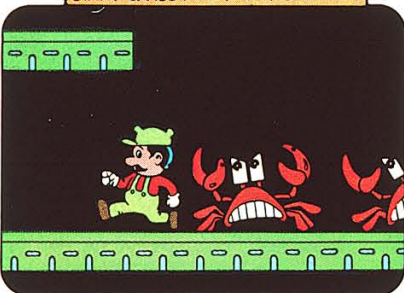
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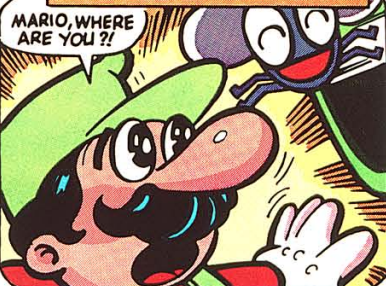
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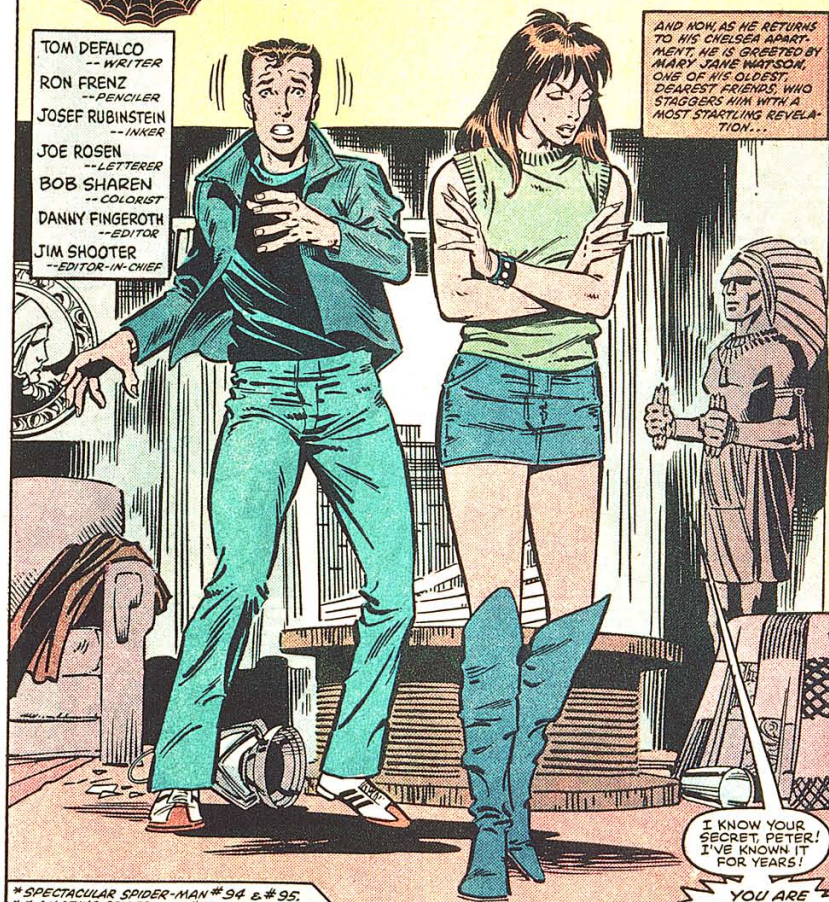
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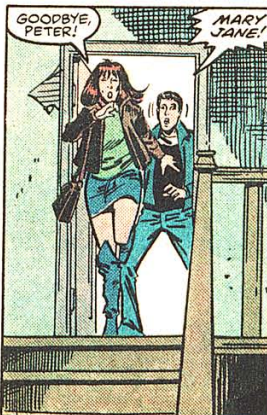
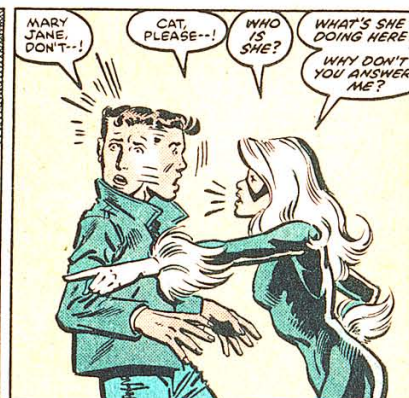
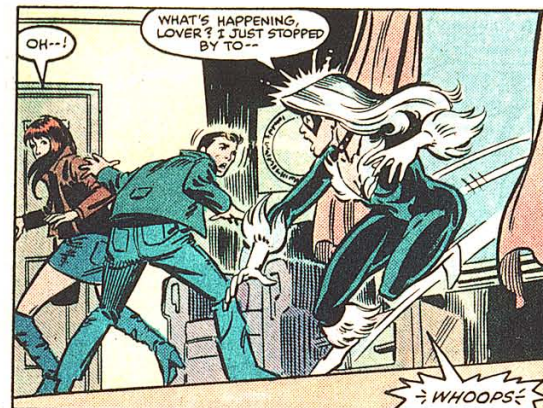
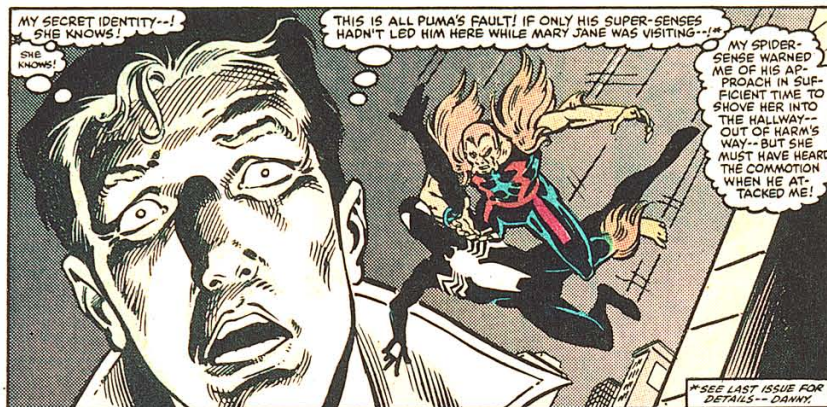
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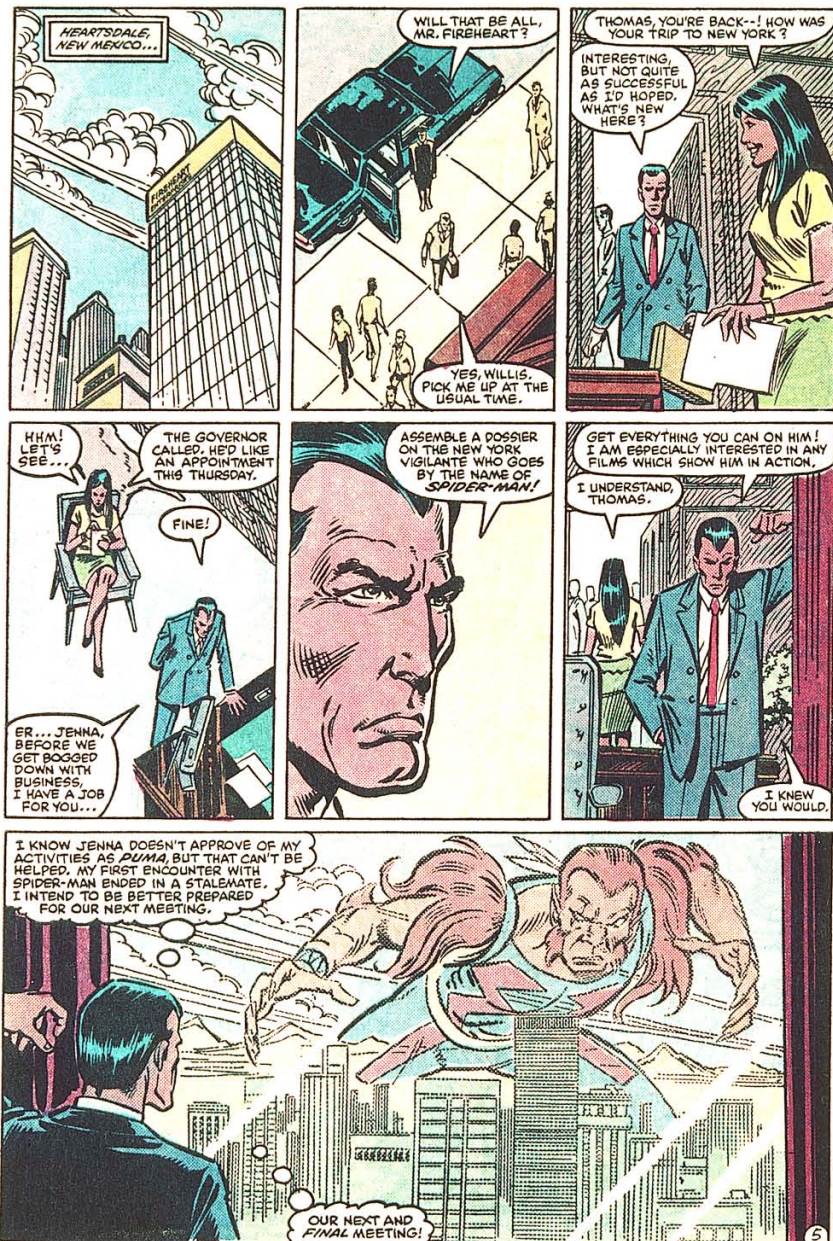
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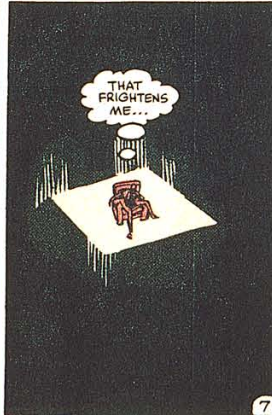
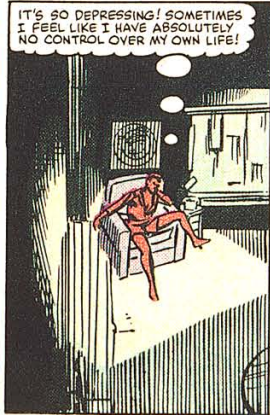
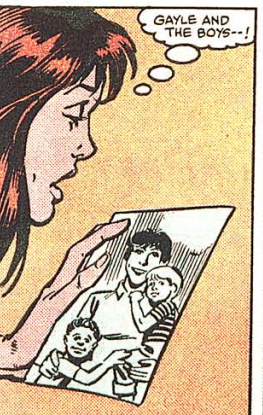
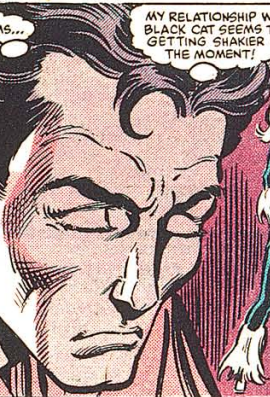
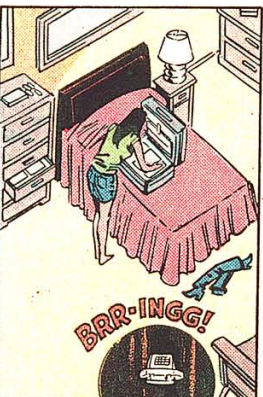
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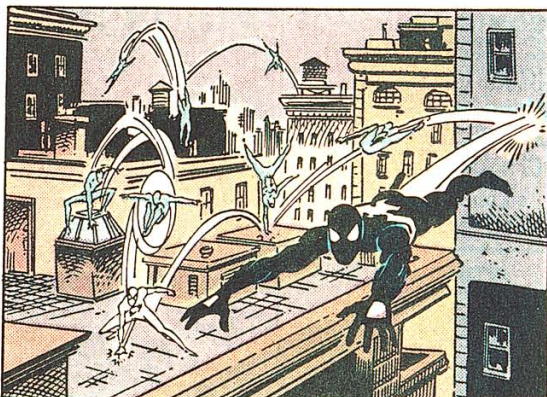
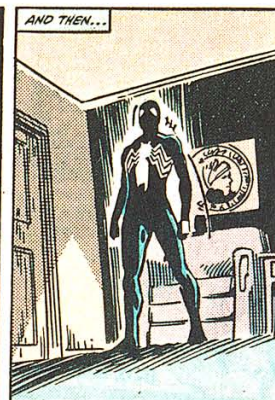
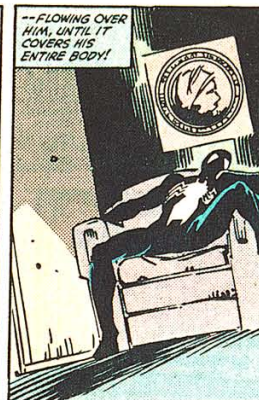
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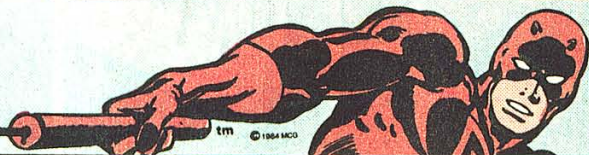
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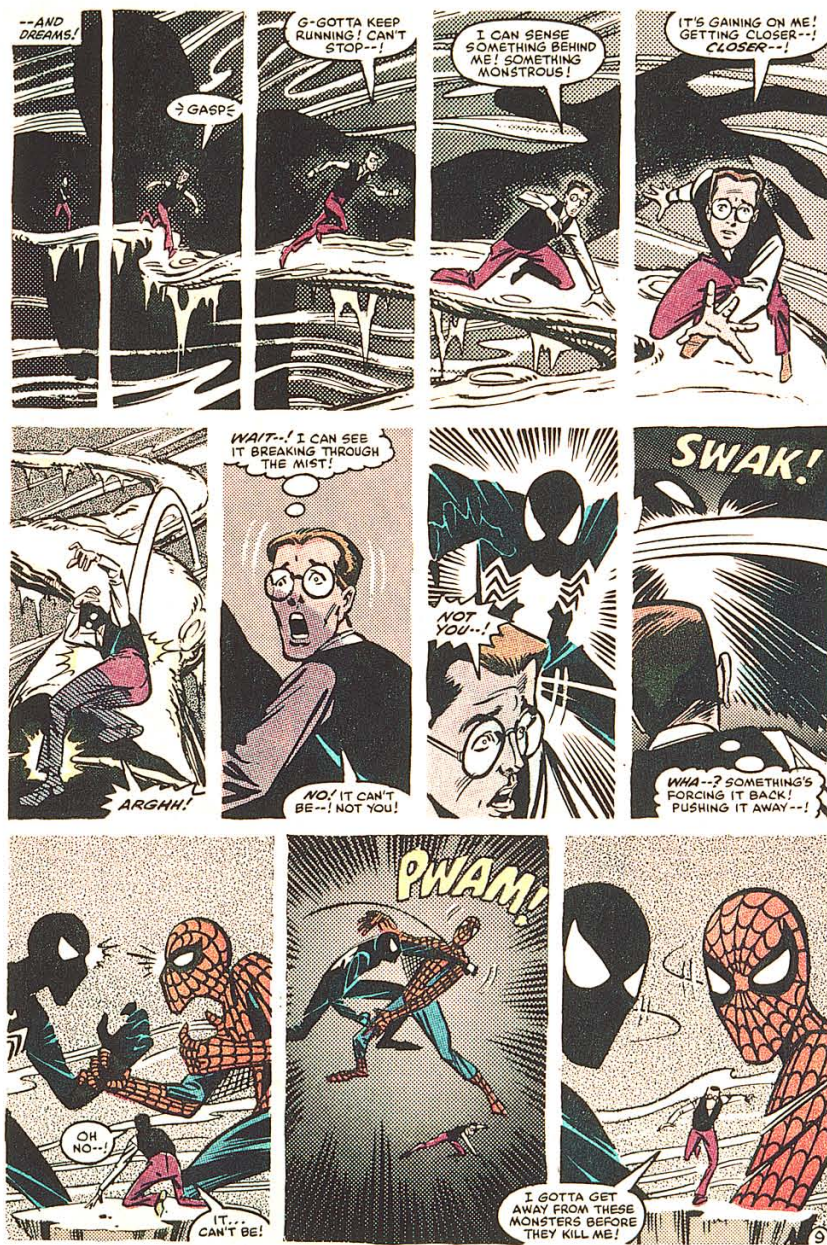
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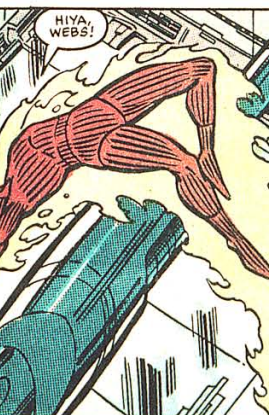
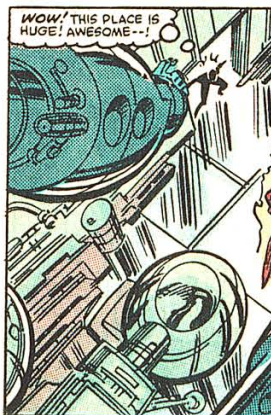
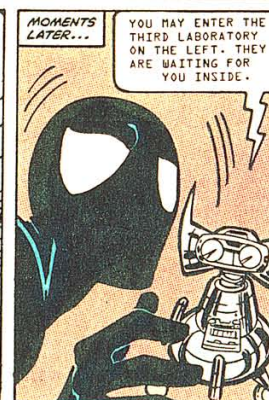
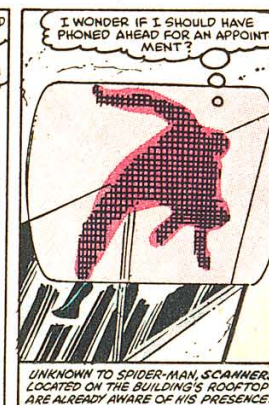
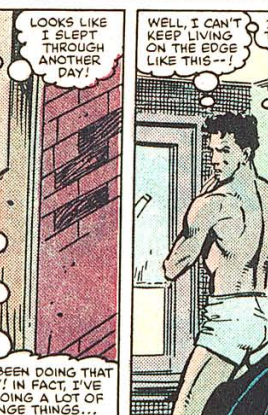
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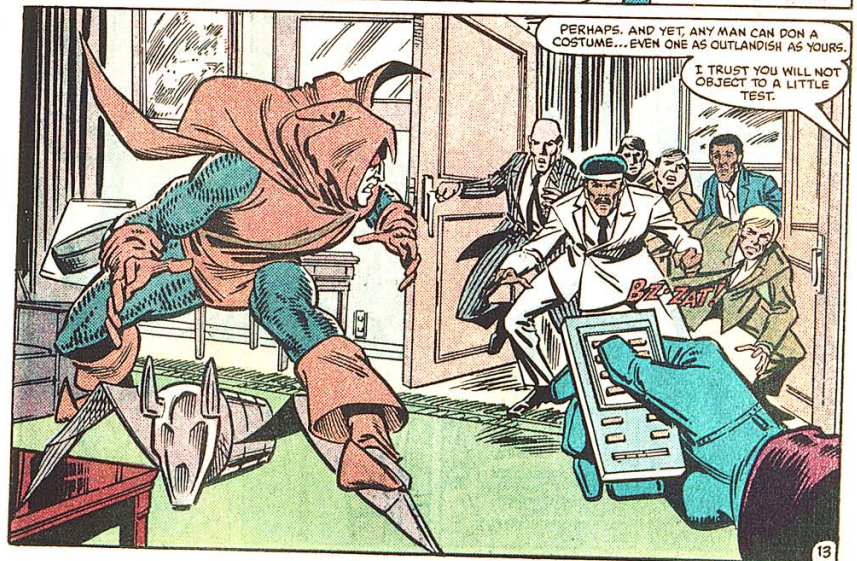
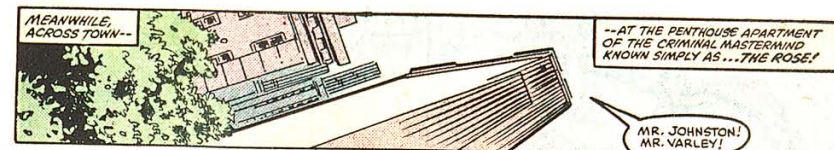
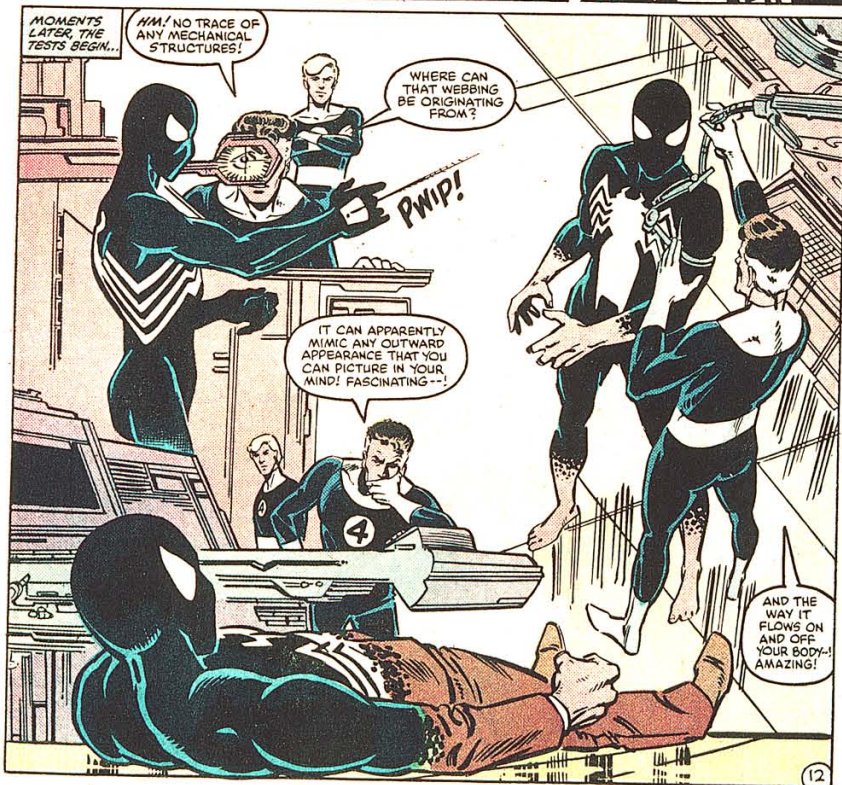
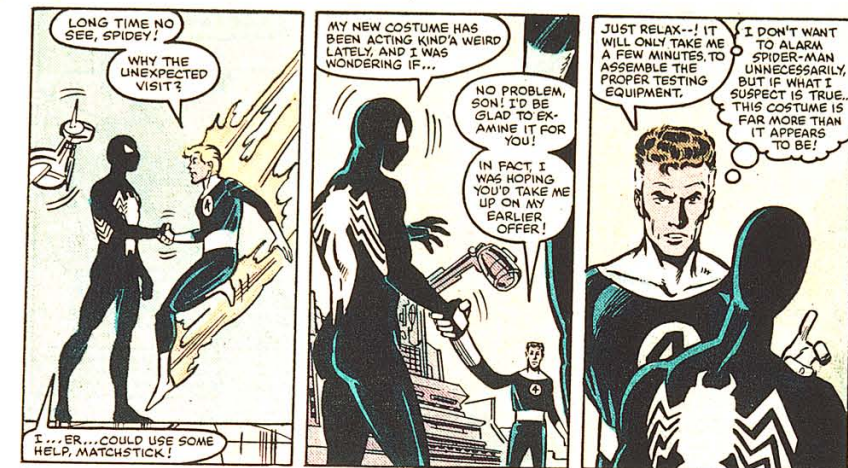
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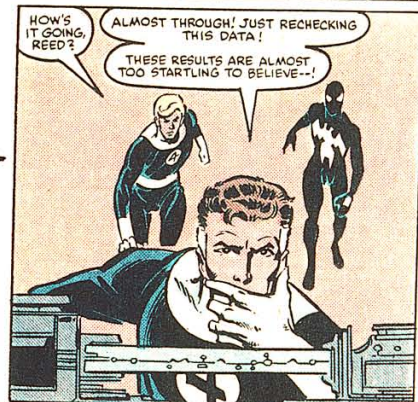
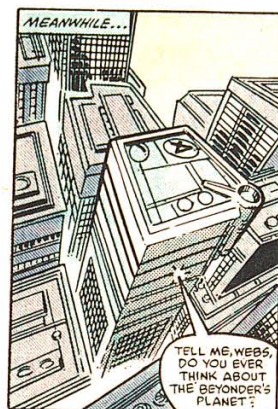
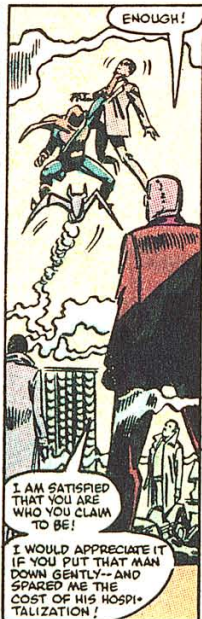
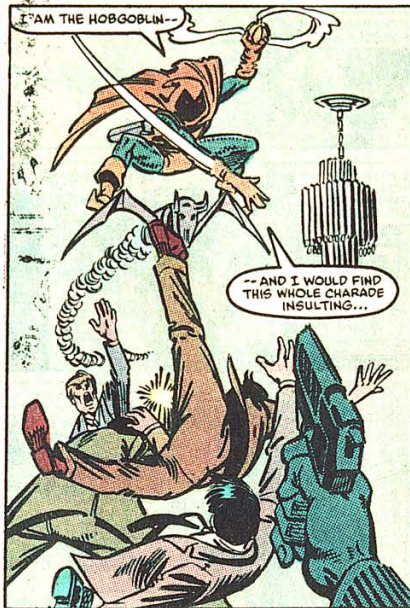
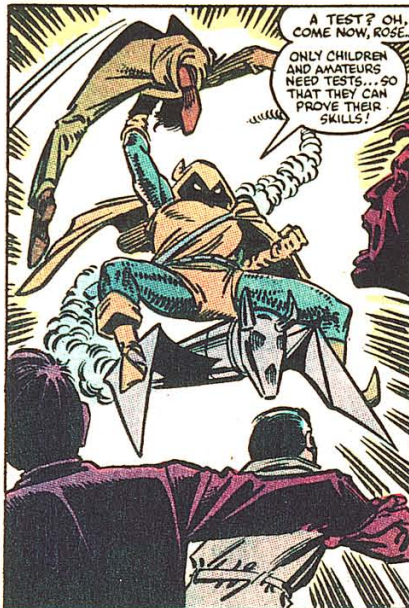
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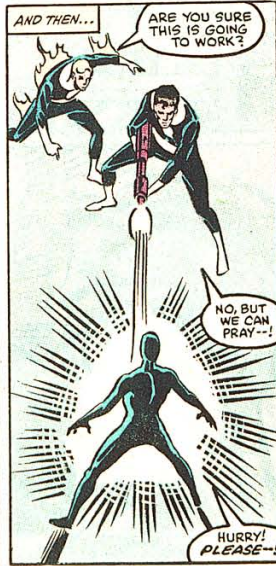
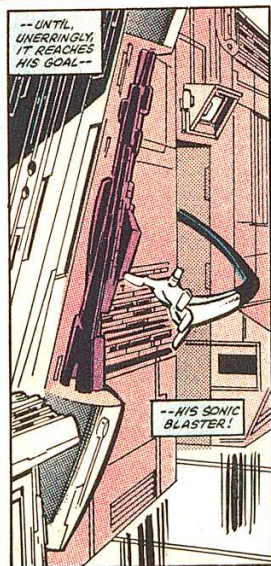
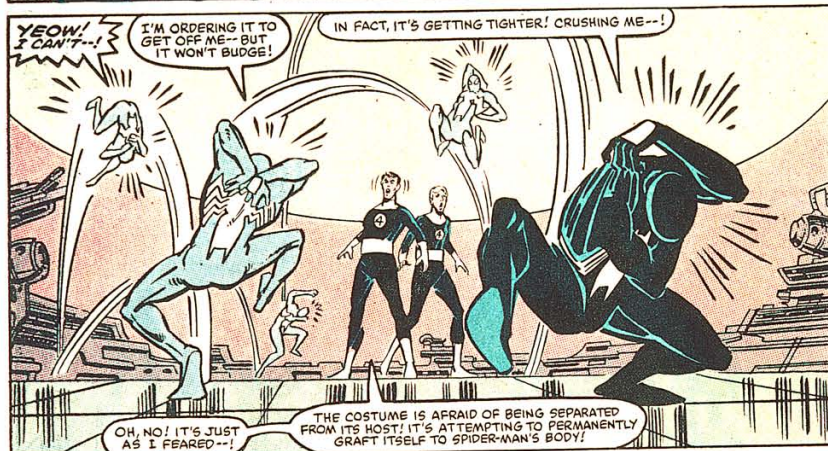
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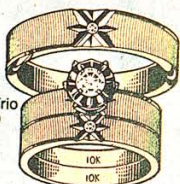
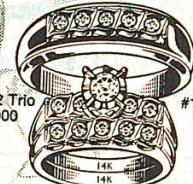


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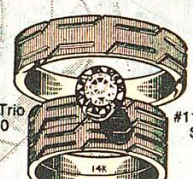
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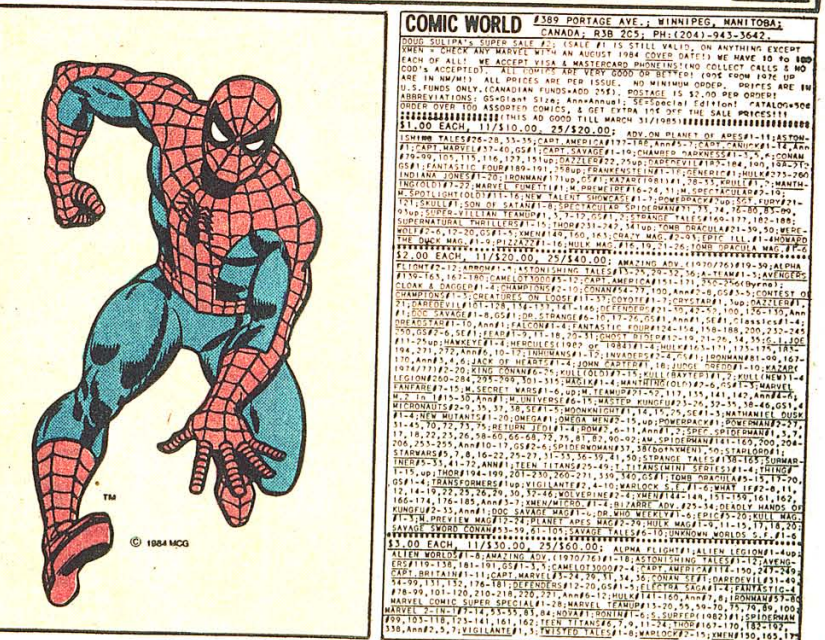
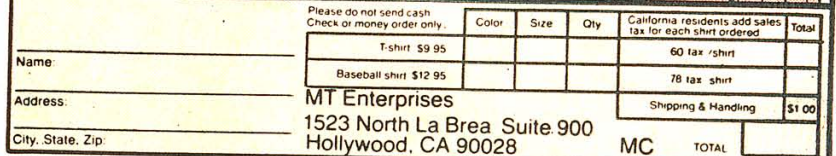
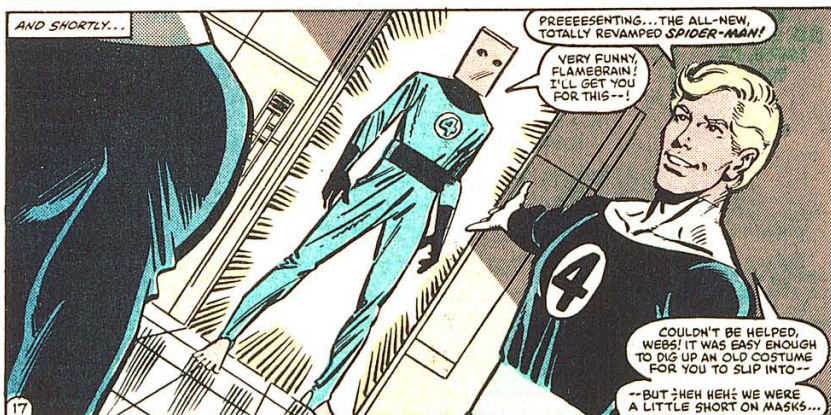
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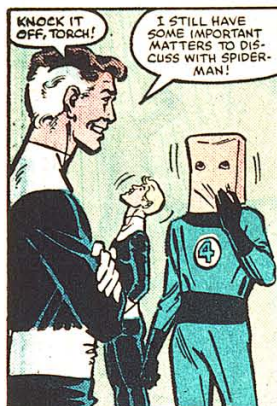
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KNOCK IT OFF, TORCH!

I STILL HAVE SOME IMPORTANT MATTERS TO DISCUSS WITH SPIDER-MAN!



I ASSUME THIS BELONGS TO YOU! IT MUST HAVE SLIPPED OUT OF YOUR COSTUME DURING ALL THE CONFUSION!

AS FOR THE "COSTUME" ITSELF... WELL, I THINK IT BEARS FURTHER INVESTIGATION...

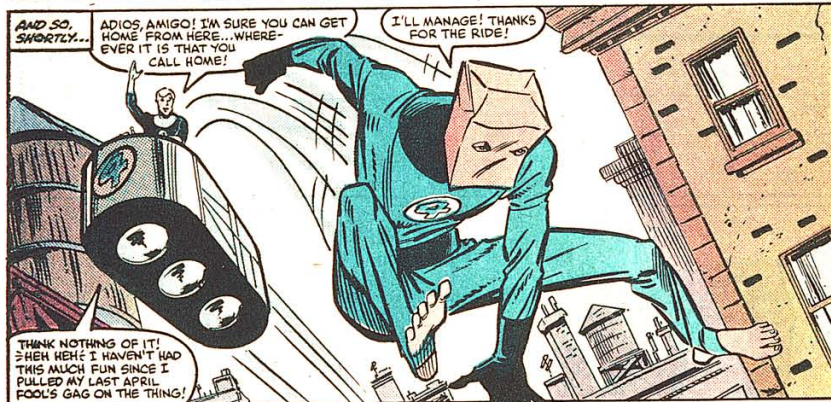


SAY NO MORE...! YOU CAN HAVE IT!

WHY WOULD SPIDER-MAN CARRY A CAMERA?

I NEVER WANT TO SEE IT AGAIN!

C'MON, SPIDEY! SINCE YOU CAN'T WEB-SWING YOUR WAY OUT OF HERE, I'LL GIVE YOU A LIFT TO A NEARBY ROOFTOP...



AND SO, SHORTLY...

ADIOS, AMIGO! I'M SURE YOU CAN GET HOME FROM HERE... WHEREVER IT IS THAT YOU CALL HOME!

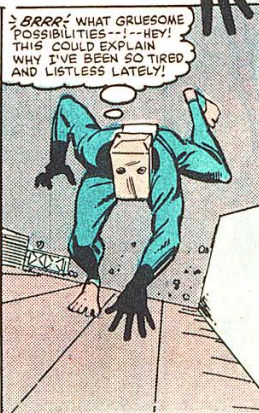
I'LL MANAGE! THANKS FOR THE RIDE!

THINK NOTHING OF IT! SHEH HEH: I HAVEN'T HAD THIS MUCH FUN SINCE I PULLED MY LAST APRIL FOOL'S GAG ON THE THING!

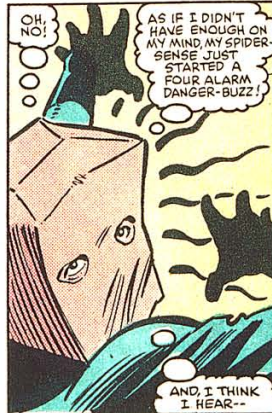


WHAT A DAY! I'M SO BUMMED OUT ABOUT MY COSTUME THAT I CAN'T EVEN GET MAD AT THE TORCH!

A SYMBIOTE? WHAT COULD IT HAVE BEEN PEEING OFF OF? GLANDULAR SECRETION? FAT CELLS? BODILY WASTES--?



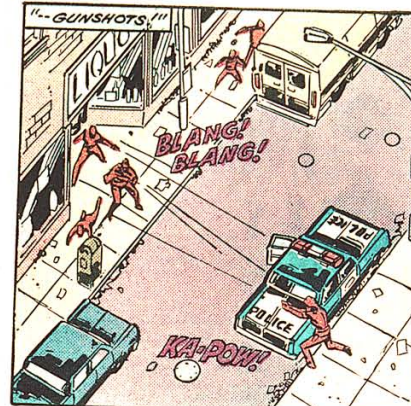
BRRR! WHAT GRUESOME POSSIBILITIES!--HEH! THIS COULD EXPLAIN WHY I'VE BEEN SO TIRED AND LISTLESS LATELY!



OH, NO!

AS IF I DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH ON MY MIND, MY SPIDER-SENSE JUST STARTED A FOUR ALARM DANGER-BUZZ!

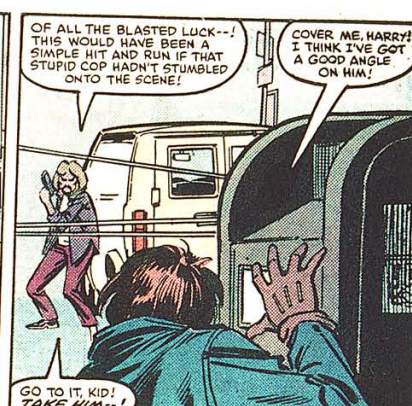
AND, I THINK I HEAR--



"--GUNSHOTS!"

BLANG! BLANG!

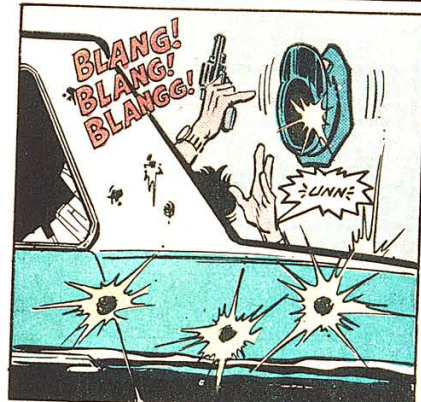
KA-POW!



OF ALL THE BLASTED LUCK--! THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN A SIMPLE HIT AND RUN IF THAT STUPID COP HADN'T STUMBLER ONTO THE SCENE!

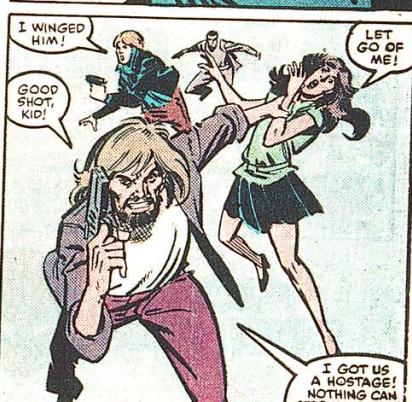
COVER ME, HARRY! I THINK I'VE GOT A GOOD ANGLE ON HIM!

GO TO IT, KID! TAKE HIM--!



BLANG! BLANG! BLANG!

UNNE!



I WINGED HIM!

GOOD SHOT, KID!

LET GO OF ME!

I GOT US A HOSTAGE! NOTHING CAN STOP US NOW--!



KASPWATT!

WANNA BET?

GOTTA MAKE THIS SHORT AND SWEET!

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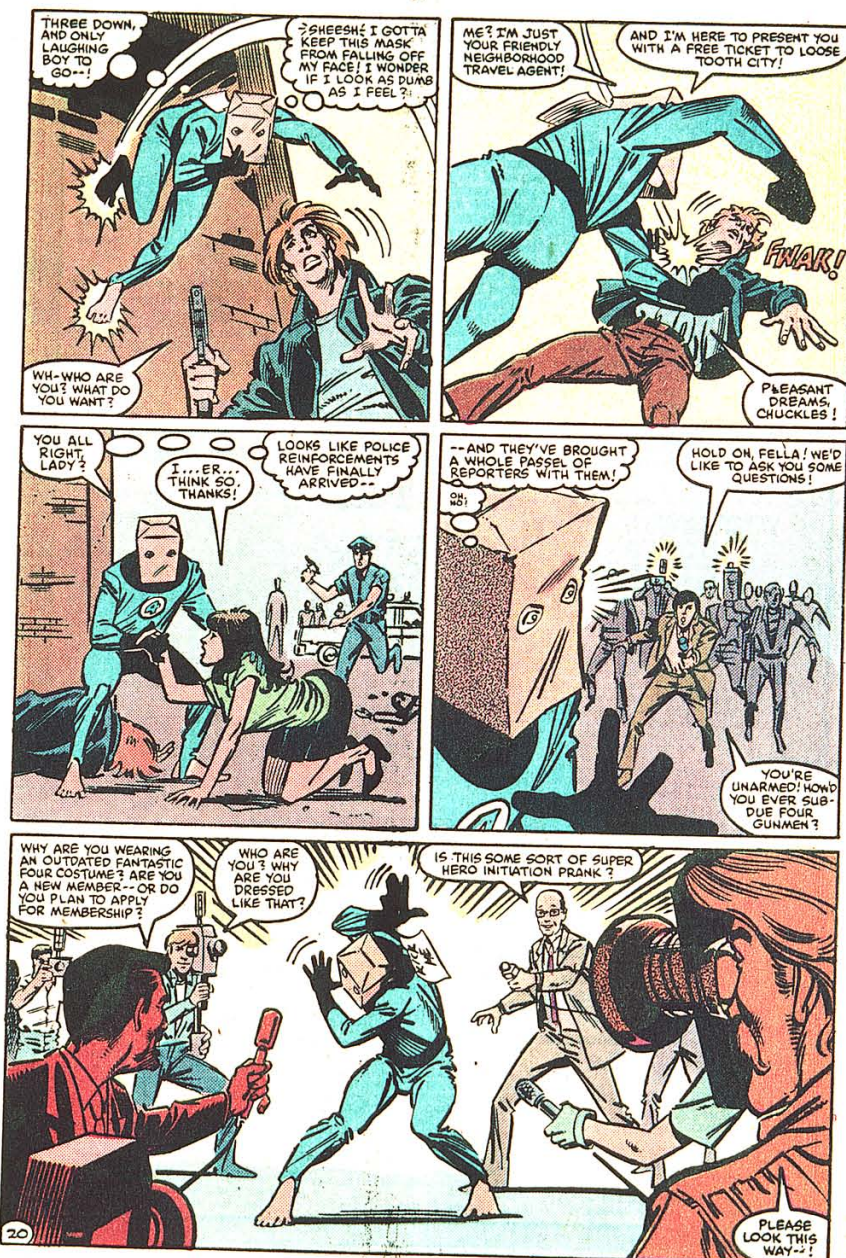
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FWAK!

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WH-WHO ARE YOU? WHAT DO YOU WANT?

YOU ALL RIGHT, LADY?

I...ER... I THINK SO, THANKS!

LOOKS LIKE POLICE REINFORCEMENTS HAVE FINALLY ARRIVED--

--AND THEY'VE BROUGHT A WHOLE PASSEL OF REPORTERS WITH THEM!

OH NO!

HOLD ON, FELLA! WE'D LIKE TO ASK YOU SOME QUESTIONS!

YOU'RE UNARMED! HOW'D YOU EVER SUBDUE FOUR GUNMEN?

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WHO ARE YOU? WHY ARE YOU DRESSED LIKE THAT?

IS THIS SOME SORT OF SUPER HERO INITIATION PRANK?

PLEASE LOOK THIS WAY--!

Bullpen Bulletins

I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT LIKE TO SEE THIS...

It originally appeared in *Marvel Age*, our official news magazine. I reprint it here because it's the answer to a question I am frequently asked by people who write in, namely, "what do you do as Editor in Chief," and because I've received specific requests to reprint it here.

Okay?

When I was a bit younger, one day it occurred to me that Marvel Comics could be even better than they were, if only the people who made them would hire a bright, knowledgeable fan — like me — to read over the stuff they were doing before it went out, catch some of the little gaffs, check the continuity, give creative advice from the fan point of view, and in general, guard

the integrity of the Marvel Universe.

Well, they *did* hire such a person — me, in fact — back in 1978. Since then, I've learned how hard it is to do all of the above — even when you're vested with the absolute, staggering authority and wonderfully nifty title of Editor in Chief.

It still amazes me sometimes, being Editor in Chief — being pretty much in charge of all the comics and magazines Marvel publishes and all of the editors and other people who work on them.

But, I haven't forgotten what the title really should be — something like *Executive Fan Representative*, or maybe *Designated Fan*. And, I haven't lost sight of what I'd hoped to accomplish way back when, before I got this job.

Like I said, as it turns out, it isn't easy.

But, I'm still trying. And I'm getting better at it, I think. I hope you'll

agree, after reading about what each of our Marvel Editors has coming up, and I hope you'll agree even more after you've seen it all unfold in the comics issue by issue.

If you don't... or even if you do, let me know. You know my address; and you know I read every single letter. Hey, if I'm going to be the DF here, I've got to keep in touch, right?

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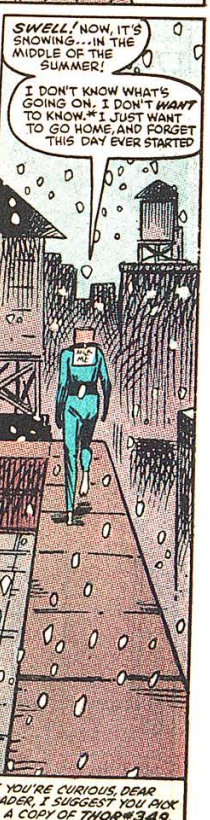
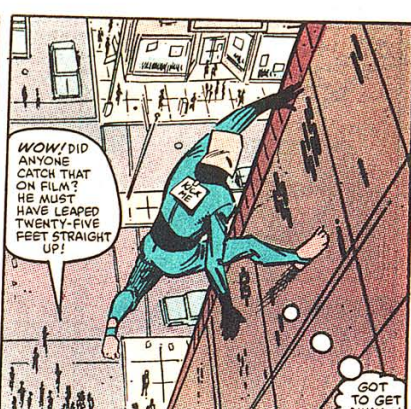
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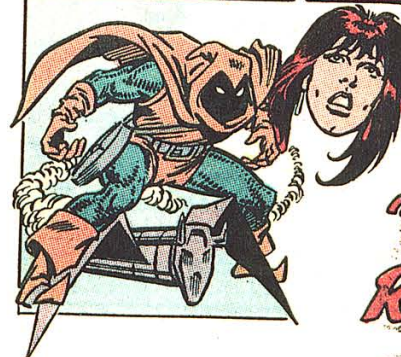
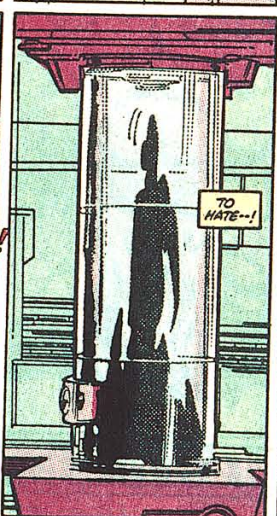
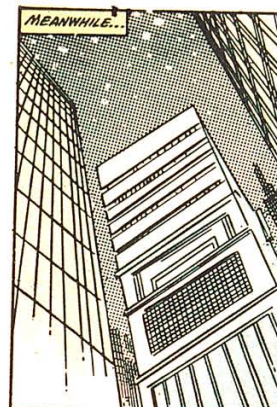
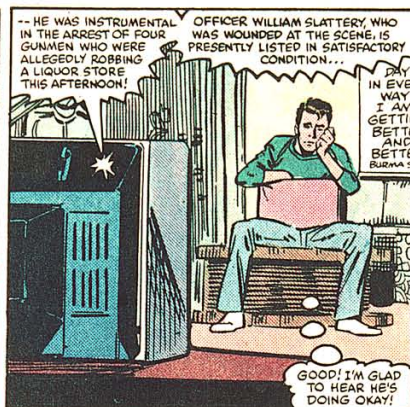
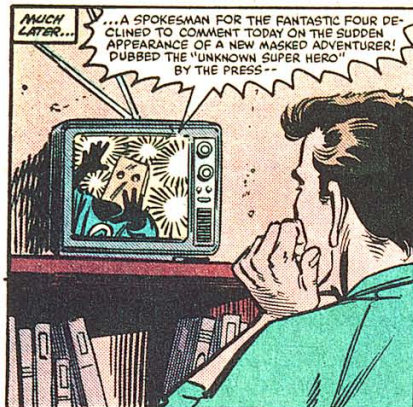
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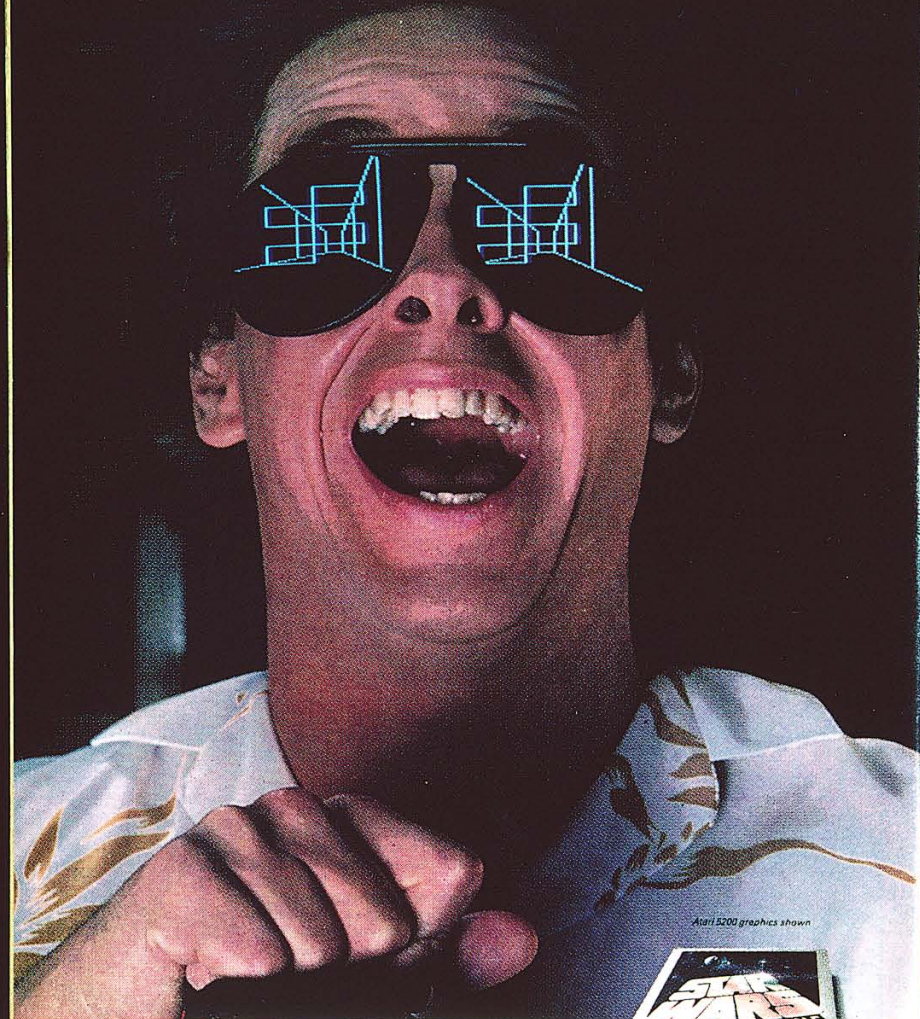
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